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Dear Chairman Cohen Gresko and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill No. 5145 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PORTABLE WASTE WATER CONTAINERS.

While the waste water containers can be used in state campgrounds, they are banned from being used in all other campgrounds in Connecticut. This seems to be unfair. It can cause a camper to pay an emergency pump out fee if their black or gray tank gets full before the scheduled campground pump out. While some campers have sensors to help notify their owner when their tank is getting full, often over time these sensors become inaccurate. Some campers have no sensors at all. Using the waste water container, which many have already purchased in the past, allows the camper to be able to resolve the issue without requesting an emergency pump out. Consider not only the cost of this, but it also causes the campground to scramble to get someone to provide this service. This is a hardship, especially if the campground is already short staffed.

Please make this fair and allow campers to use their portable waste container again, by passing Bill No. 5145.

Sincerely Seasonal Camper in Connecticut,
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